

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kirkland**

Serial No.: **10/675,673**

Filed: **September 30, 2003**

For: **Method and Apparatus for Increasing  
Personability of Instant Messaging with  
User Images**

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Group Art Unit: **2193**

Examiner: **Wong, Noble S.**

Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030796US1**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

A fee of \$400.00 is required for 1 independent claim converted from dependent form and 1 independent claim that was added. Please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.